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SUBJECT 1. Railroad Traffic over Desert Areas between Saratov and Alma Ata DATE DISTR. 20 October 1955

2. Airfield at N 39-30, E 54-20 NO. OF PAGES 2

3. Airfield South of Yevlakh REQUIREMENT NO. RD

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1. Railroad traffic over the desert stretches between Saratov and Alma Ata was "lively". A big diesel-electric locomotive was used to pull train over the salt steppes, but a coal-burning locomotive was used through areas where water was easily accessible. The diesel-electric locomotive was estimated to have traction power of 1250 tons. On the stretch between Saratov and Alma Ata, source saw 50 such locomotives in all;
2. During an airplane flight in a half haze from Ashkhabad to Baku, at N 39-30, E 54-20 there was seen and approached a rectangular, modern airfield, which had the appearance of a built-up camp-like area with a plain-looking assembly building and quarters. Around the installations lay concrete runways, as indicated in the attached sketch. To the north of this area the railroad runs from Krasnovodsk to Ashkhabad without a visible stopping place.
3. On a flight from Baku to Tbilisi a large military airfield near the bank of the Kura River, almost due south of Yevlakh, beside a lake south of the river.

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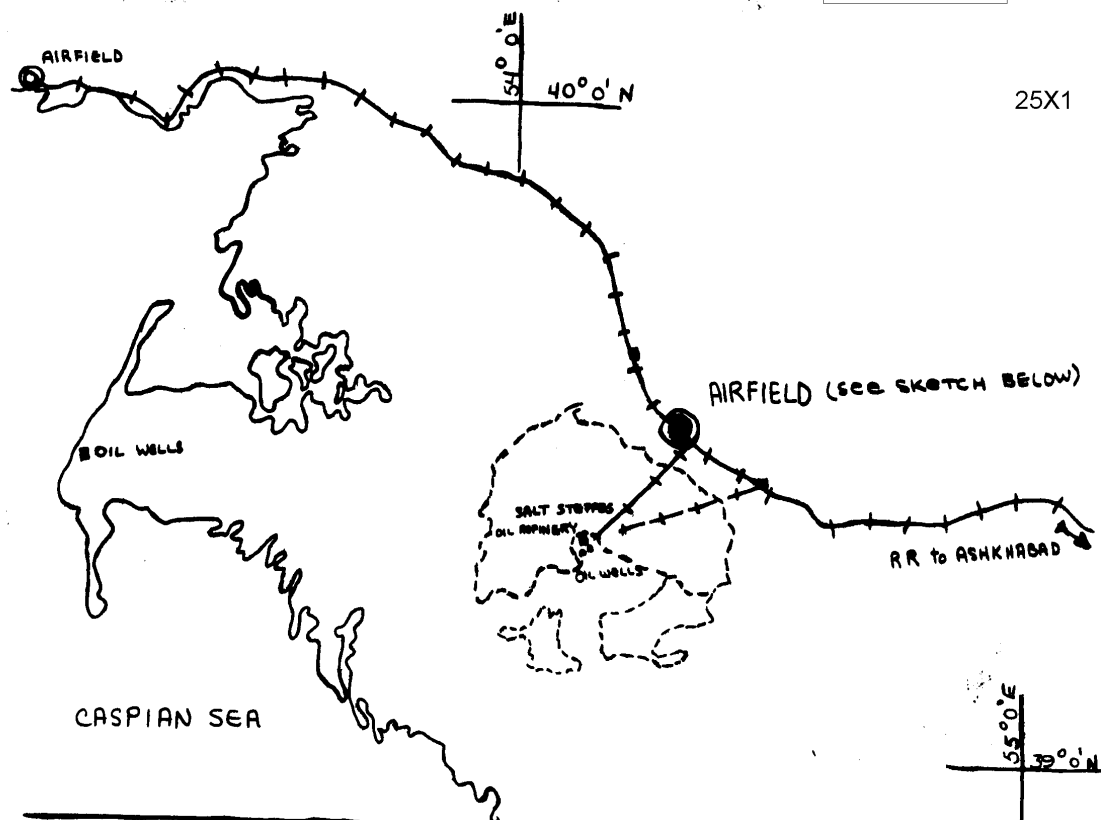
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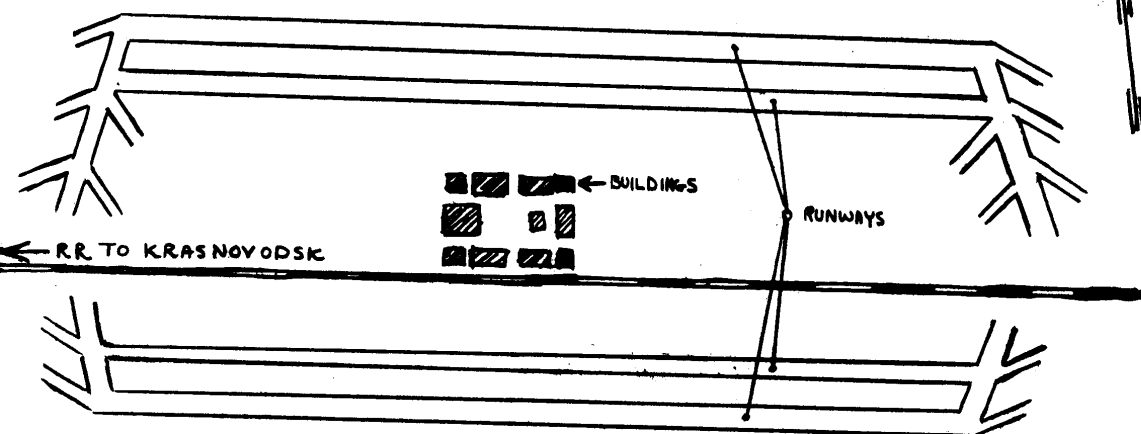
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